## **HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 628**

## By Pody

A RESOLUTION to honor and commend Coleman Walker for a career in radio broadcasting spanning more than fifty years.

WHEREAS, it is appropriate that the members of this General Assembly should honor those citizens who, in their years of industry, have performed with uncommon devotion and enthusiasm; and

WHEREAS, one such estimable person is Coleman Walker of Lebanon, who has served with distinction and efficiency as a radio broadcast host with WCOR; and

WHEREAS, born in Wilson County to the late Sam and Nellie Walker, Coleman Walker has five sisters and one brother: and

WHEREAS, a 1958 graduate of Lebanon High School, Mr. Walker began working part time at WCOR AM in February 1961, just before beginning his full-time radio career when WCOR FM signed on the air in September 1962; and

WHEREAS, with the exception of a brief period in the late 1970s when he tried his hand in print journalism with the launch of the *Wilson World* newspaper, Coleman Walker worked full time in radio until May of 1986; and

WHEREAS, now a full-time licensed insurance agent with Walker and Phillips Insurance in Lebanon, he has continued working part time in broadcast radio since 1993, when he began hosting a daily morning show focusing on events and community affairs for WANT and WCOR; and

WHEREAS, Coleman Walker exemplifies the spirit and allegiance to family and community that are characteristic of a true Tennessean; and

WHEREAS, he and his wife, Helen, are the proud parents of three sons, Clark, Brian, and Mike, and loving grandparents; and

WHEREAS, during his distinguished career, Mr. Walker worked diligently at his craft and always endeavored to provide the best possible service to the people of Tennessee; and

WHEREAS, throughout his estimable career, Mr. Walker has demonstrated a remarkable ability to serve his nation, state, and community with his talents, winning the unbridled respect and admiration of his peers, his listeners, and the Lebanon community; and

WHEREAS, it is highly appropriate that the members of this General Assembly specially recognize and commend this outstanding gentleman for his many years of meritorious service to the good people of Tennessee; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED NINTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we honor and commend Coleman Walker for more than fifty years of success in broadcast radio and congratulate him on a job well done.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.